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Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli, reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

- 1.(U) A Reuters news article carrying the headline "Biggest Bahrain Bank Freezes Iran Business" announced January 16 that Ahli United Bank (AUE)
- 2.(C) However, Post notes that these press items report nothing that has not already been true of AUB's policy vis--vis Iran since the latter p
- 3.(C) El-Labban told Econoff January 17 that there had been no developments that should have triggered so much press attention at this time. "W